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## NEWS ITEMS

The Macmillan Company announces the approaching publication of a "University Text-Book of Botany," by Professor Douglas Houghton Campbell.

Dr. N. L. Britton, in company with Prof. J. F. Cowell, Director of the Buffalo Botanic Garden, is spending a few weeks in St. Kitts, West Indies.

Mr. R. S. Williams left New York early in July for Bolivia, where he expects to be engaged for a year or more in botanical explorations.

Specimen pages of a catalogue of the "Pteridophyta and Spermatophyta of Southern California," by Mr. Samuel B. Parish have been issued. The volume is published by the Southern California Academy of Sciences.

"Plant Life of Alabama," a notable work by the late Dr. Charles Mohr, has appeared as Vol. VI. of the Contributions from the National Herbarium. It forms a large octavo volume of 921 pages. Dr. Mohr's death occurred on July 17th; his greatest botanical work was issued on July 31st.

Miss Olivia E. Phelps Stokes and her sister, Miss Caroline Phelps Stokes, have donated three thousand dollars to the New York Botanical Garden to be employed in special investigation into methods of protecting native plants from extermination.

The Summer School of Science for the Atlantic provinces of Canada, held at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, has had this year an enrollment of over three hundred pupils. The botanical instruction was in charge of Mr. G. U. Hay, A.M., and Mr. J. Vroom.

Dr. Arthur Hollick, recently of the Department of Geology of Columbia University, has been appointed an assistant curator of the Museums of the New York Botanical Garden, where he will have special charge of the palaeobotanical collections.

Professor L. M. Underwood returned from Puerto Rico in the latter part of July, bringing valuable collections of living plants, seeds and dried specimens for the New York Botanical Garden. He has since been devoting several weeks to explorations in Colorado.

“*The American Botanist*, a monthly journal for the plant-lover,” edited and published by Mr. Willard N. Clute of Binghamton, N. Y., is one of the latest additions to the rapidly increasing list of American botanical periodicals. The first number was issued in July.

Mr. Percy Wilson, who accompanied the Todd eclipse expedition to the Dutch East Indies in the interests of the New York Botanical Garden, reached New York again on August 20th. Among his collections are interesting exhibits for the economic museum and numerous living orchids.

The New York Botanical Garden expedition to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland returned to New York on September 9th. About 12,000 dried specimens were secured, including 4,000 of marine algae. A considerable quantity of algal material preserved in fluids was also obtained.

The department of biology of Teachers College, Columbia University, will move into new and more spacious quarters before the opening of the university in October, a complete suite of large rooms having been remodelled for its accommodation. There will be two large laboratories facing north and east, stock rooms, photographic and physiological dark rooms, and aquarium room, besides the private offices of the instructors.

Dr. Theodore Greely White, of late an assistant in the department of physics of Columbia University, died in New York City on July 7th, aged twenty-nine years. Dr. White will be remembered as a contributor of articles of merit to the *Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club* and the *Asa Gray Bulletin*. His chief interests during the last four or five years were in the line of geology and physics, but he had remained a member of the Torrey Botanical Club up to the time of his death.

A “Society for the Protection of Native Plants” has been organized in Boston and vicinity, and leaflets are being published by it directing attention to plants which are in special danger of becoming extinct, at least locally. These leaflets are designed for distribution to teachers in the schools and to others in position to further the aims of the society. They may be obtained by addressing Miss Maria E. Carter, Curator of Herbarium, Boston Society of Natural History, Berkeley Street, Boston.

The first meeting of the International Association of Botanists was held at Geneva, Switzerland, August 6th, 7th and 8th, under the presidency of Professor Chodat, of the University of Geneva. Complete organization was effected and a set of statutes adopted. Provision was made for the management of a periodical for the reviewing of botanical literature. The further important item of business consisted in the purchase of the *Botanisches Centralblatt*. Professor K. Goebel, of Munich, was elected President for the ensuing session and Professor F. O. Bower, of the University of Glasgow, Vice-President.

During the recent meetings in Denver, the botanical interests of the country were well represented in the Forestry Association, the Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science, the Botanical Club, Section G of the American Association, and the Botanical Society of America. Despite the long distance which most of the botanists in attendance had to travel, many representative botanists were present and programmes of the usual length and interest were presented. A number of botanists made short field excursions in various parts of Colorado at the close of the meetings. The next annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the affiliated Societies will be held in Pittsburg in the latter part of June, 1902; business sessions will be held in Chicago during convocation week at the beginning of the year. Dr. D. H. Campbell was elected Chairman, and Dr. H. von Schrenk, Secretary, of the Botanical Section of the Association; Dr. J. C. Arthur was elected President of the Botanical Society of America and Dr. D. T. MacDougal, Secretary. Among the important business coming up before the Botanical Society of America, it was formally resolved:

"That it is the present policy of the Society to accumulate invested funds until the annual income, interest and dues, is at least \$500, and then to use such income yearly, or at greater or less intervals, as circumstance may dictate, for the best advancement of botanical knowledge."

A committee consisting of Drs. Trelease, Britton and Robinson was appointed by the Society, to investigate and report upon the condition of the National Herbarium.